CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. **Typed or Printed Name** Cindy Hoang Signature Date December 28, 200 Attorney Docket BEAR004 First Named Inventor **KUMAGAI STATUS INQUIRY Application Number** 09/642,609 Filing Date August 17, 2000 Group Art Unit 1614 Address to: **Commissioner for Patents Examiner Name** To Be Assigned Washington, D.C. 20231 Title Methods and Compositions for Reducing Serum Phosphate Levels

Sir:

A Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document was received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 8, 2001 in the above-identified application. Since over nine-months have passed and no communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in response thereto, applicants respectfully request to be informed of the current status of these papers.

Respectfully submitted, BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP

Date: Nec. 28, 2001

Paula A. Borden

Registration No. 42,344

BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP 200 Middlefield Road, Suite 200 Menlo Park, CA 94025

Telephone: (650) 327-3400 Facsimile: (650) 327-3231

ነ

F:\DOCUMENT\BEAR (formerly 8302)\004\Status inquiry.doc